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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: POLYIMIDE AEROGELS, CARBON AEROGELS, AND METAL
CARBIDE AEROGELS AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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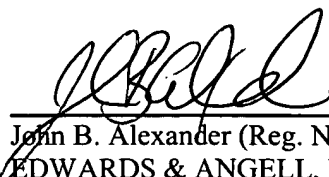
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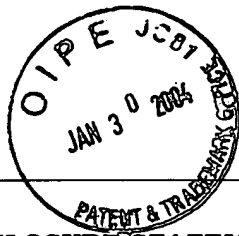
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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	6,544,648	04/2003	Nesbitt et al.			
	AB	6,332,990	12/2001	Mayer et al.			
	AC	5,601,938	02/1997	Mayer et al.			
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	BA	EP 0 987 294 A1	17.09.99	Europe			
	BB	WO 02/052086 A2	04.07.02	PCT			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

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